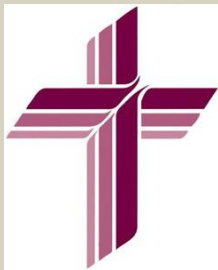


June/July 2025

# St. Paul Lutheran Church



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## Mission Statement

*"Proclaiming  
the saving  
grace of Jesus  
Christ to all."*



## From the Heart of Your Shepherd

**"Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth." Ecclesiastes 11:9**

This month I will be traveling to Washington DC with a group of youth from the congregation as well as some adult chaperones. As I was looking ahead to this trip, I came across a quote from CFW Walther. The name may be familiar to you. If you do not recognize the name of CFW Walther, you should know that he is at times referred to as the American Luther. He was the first president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He was also the president of our St. Louis Seminary for many years. He served as a seminary professor as well as parish pastor. Walther was also a somewhat avid writer. You might say that CFW Walther was a busy man and one who accomplished a great deal in his lifetime.

That is why, when I came across the following quote from CFW Walther, it caught my attention, "You cannot use your time to better advantage than by serving well the young people of the congregation." Isn't that an amazing thing? CFW Walther was a churchman who had incredible demands on his time. He kept a schedule that was brutal by any standard. He had to be very selective about how he used his time. Despite that, he makes clear in the above quote that serving the youth of the congregation is as important a use of time as any.

Why would Walther say that? The answer should be obvious. I was talking to a church executive at a conference this past month. He talked about how he does a lot of demographic studies for congregations. One of the things that he does is to evaluate what a congregation's priorities are. He said that youth ministry is at the very bottom of the list for many congregations. I find that to be sad. I imagine there are many reasons for it. People sometimes develop the attitude that they only care about the congregation serving them or their interests. Sometimes, congregations just don't think about it all, and I am sure there are many other reasons. I also recently received a survey that was sent out to pastors inquiring about levels of participation by youth in the life of the congregation. You can guess that participation rates were extremely low.

We understand, from Deuteronomy six and other places, that God expects us to be very concerned about training up the next generation. St. Paul has been greatly blessed to have a good number of our youth who remain connected to the congregation after confirmation. There are many reasons for that. Certainly, one part is the efforts that are made to keep them connected.

I have tried various things over the years to stay connected with youth. One of the things that I have done that I enjoy and have had success with is educational trips. They serve the purpose of giving me the opportunity to provide continued instruction in God's Word post-confirmation. They also allow the youth to maintain and build connections with other youth. They also teach the youth the importance of working toward a goal. This approach has had great success. There are various events that likely would not take place in the congregation were it not for the youth taking them on, such as the veteran's lunch, Easter breakfast, and that's before we even get to the youth whose help have made it possible for the congregation to continue to provide a Sunday school program.

In the past, the congregation has greatly supported the various fundraisers the youth have put on. This year the voters approved giving the youth some additional support. I want to thank the congregation for their ongoing support as we continue to work to keep the youth of the congregation connected to St. Paul and, most important, to Christ.

In His service,  
Pastor Olson

### **Sermon Texts and Titles**

**May 29 & June 1:** The sermon text for the Seventh Sunday of Easter will be the Psalm of the day, Psalm 133. The title of the sermon will be "Oil and Dew."

**June 5 & 8:** The sermon text for Pentecost Sunday will be the first reading from Acts 2:1-21. The title of the sermon will be "What's the Gift?"

**June 12 & 15:** The sermon text for Trinity Sunday will be the Gospel reading from John 8:48-59. The title of the sermon will be "Who Jesus is and What He Does."

**June 19 & 22:** The sermon text for the Second Sunday after Pentecost will be Luke 8:26-39. The title of the sermon will be "Unchained."

**June 26 & 29:** There will be a guest pastor on the Third Sunday in Pentecost.

**St. Paul Lutheran School**  
***Excellence in Christ-Centered Education***

**Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year:** Registration for the coming school year is open. It is exciting to see that enrollment for next year is looking very strong. Enrollment this year showed a strong increase. Next year's enrollment is already in line with the current year. This speaks highly of the confidence that people have in St. Paul Lutheran School. St. Paul Lutheran School is a fully accredited school. We offer an excellent academic education grades 4k-8 with the Word of God integrated into every subject. There are still a small number of spots available in 4k. St. Paul offers a full day 4k program with morning and afternoon busing.

**Spring Fundraiser:** Thanks to everyone who supported the spring school fundraiser. It was a very successful event and raised about \$5000 for the school.

**Honor Roll:** The following St. Paul students achieved academic honors during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter:

**High Honors:** Melody Enderby, Jack Porath, Landon Schmoll, Bennett Spude, Miles Fager, Lily Kilgore, Greyson Larscheid, Jolee Ledvina, Ariana Pamperin, Max Schlies, Ryland Vlies, Madison Belter, Charlee Bosdeck, Madelyn Duescher, Nolan Fager, Briggs Karnopp, Caden Kilgore, Clay Kilgore, Landon Larscheid, Adam Schantz, Cassandra VandenAvond, Bryn Vaughn

**Honors:** Ruby Duescher, Skye Enderby, Wyatt Raduenz, Anna Schantz, Addie Veese, Chloe Kilgore

**Musical:** Congratulations to the students and staff for an outstanding musical performance last month. Thank you to all the people who donated with their time and in various other ways to make this event such a great success. Thanks to Mrs. Pahnke for directing again this year.

**Vacation Bible School:** The dates for Vacation Bible School are set for June 9-12. You can register your child by contacting the office.

**8<sup>th</sup> Graduation Service:** May 22 at 6:30 pm.

**Last Day of School:** The last day of school is May 23. Closing chapel will be at 10:00 am. Awards will be at 10:30 am. 4k & 5k graduation will be at 11:00 in the church. Grades 4k-6<sup>th</sup> will be dismissed following 4k & 5k graduation. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have a field trip to Bay Beach that afternoon. There will be no lunch that day.

**Confirmation:** The public examination of confirmands will be on May 14 at 5:30 pm. Confirmation will take place on May 18 during the 9:30am church service.

## **St. Paul Lutheran School News:**

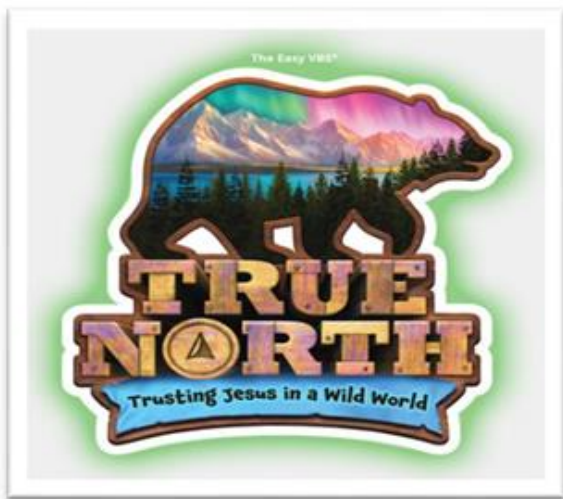
May was packed full of fun and activities all month! Our school participated in the National Day of Prayer and met at the flagpole in front of school and prayed. We thank God we have this school and the ability to pray. The children all had end of the year academic testing done in their classes. We had a day in which we cleaned up around the school property, we have a lot of wood chips!!! We took our last trip to the Algoma Library and then Kewaunee Custard as a treat. Jeremy, the owner of Kewaunee Custard returned all the custard money as a gift to our school, we will put that towards playground equipment. He has a very generous heart. St. Paul hosted the annual softball tournament and our 7th and 8th grade team placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, losing a heartbreaker in the championship game. Calleigh and Aubree Engebose were the principals for the day and the children had a lot of fun. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders went to the Wildlife Sanctuary for their last field trip of the year. N.E.W. Lutheran High School brought over a bus of graduating seniors to march our hallways. A big tradition in May is field day, the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders went to Bonduel for field day. The traditional softball games were replaced with kickball games. The 4K-4<sup>th</sup> grade was able to go to NEW Lutheran High School to compete in the Fun Olympics. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th graders went to the Ebert Farm for Ag Career Days. The 4K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders went to the Barkhausen for their last field trip and played in the pond. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders graduated during a church service with many of the school children coming to the service to sing. We wish our ten 8<sup>th</sup> grade students many blessings as they move on to high school next year. We had an all school picnic that was awesome, thank you Thrivent and Kewaunee Dairy Promotion for your donations. The last day was filled with many emotions, we signed our yearbooks in the gym, we celebrated the 4K-5K with a graduation ceremony, we passed out awards, and closed our school year out with a chapel service led by Pastor Olson. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders continued their school day at Bay Beach and the 2024-25 school year is done. We had a great year... so many exciting things are happening at St. Paul. We ended the year with 88 students! We were blessed with many good students and great families. St. Paul has the best teachers around. The teachers are hardworking, love their students and share the love of God daily. Our secretaries in the office keep our school running smoothly. We have a very hard working custodian who has the school in tip top form! We had many volunteers who helped all school year long! Thank you to all the people who apply for Thrivent cards to help with our many activities. The Kewaunee County Dairy Promotion has also donated many delicious dairy snacks this year. Thank you to all the coaches for the sports programs, parents who started a PTO this year, parents who prepared school lunches once a month, parents who painted scenery and took down the musical. Thank you to Sue Kratz who developed and taught a very interesting health class all year.

I know that some people have gotten missed, but know that as a school we appreciate any help that we get. We have so many things to praise Jesus for! Thank you St. Paul church members who believe in our school and support it through money and prayers. We wish everyone a blessed summer!

Sunday School and St. Paul Day school collected their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter offerings for the Building fund at St. Paul Lutheran Church. The children gave \$600 toward the building project. The children collected \$500 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to go to Lutheran World Relief Animal project. The money will be used to buy animals for families to provide a living and money.

St. Paul Sunday School has ended their year. We had 38 students attend Sunday School. We were blessed with 11 teachers: Thank you to Jean Piesheck, Allyssa Pieschek, Lana Vandervest, Liz Koss, Sydney Piesheck, Gaby Stangel, Jadelyn Kroll, Jenna Dorner, Brianna Schingeck, and Sherry Byrne who taught Sunday School this year. Their dedication is helping to form the faith in the children who attend. **We are losing some teachers, so please consider stepping up to help teach the children** of our church learn about Jesus. We will be starting up the Sunday School term on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**June 9-12, 2025**

**9:00 – 11:30am**

**3 year old – 5th Grade are welcome to participate!**

**6th Grade – 101 years old...we NEED you to Volunteer!**

**Forms and Volunteer Forms are available in the church narthex or school office.**

**Any questions, contact Sherry Byrne-**

**[sbyrne@stpaullux.org](mailto:sbyrne@stpaullux.org) or call office @ 920-845-2095**



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1. Youth Group
2. Tuition Reimbursement
3. St. Paul Building Fund
4. General Scrip Fund

# THANK YOU!



A special thank you to Ryan, Robert and Bob Dahlke for helping with the front planter repair project. We appreciate their willingness to remove the ground for the repairs and then refill it again with stones and top it again with black ground. Thank you to the Dahlke family for their part in the Beautification Project for St Paul's.



A Special Message from National Lutherans for Life



You've spoken the truth of God. You've shown the love of Christ. You've reached ears and touched lives. Please prayerfully consider joining our **Step Up 4 Life** campaign from May 11 through June 24 and supporting the mission and the passion we share by providing an impactful stewardship offering to our Lutherans For Life **Step Up 4 Life 2025** fundraising campaign. Join as a participant or donate online at [stepup4life@lutheransforlife.org](mailto:stepup4life@lutheransforlife.org) or Contact Nola Duescher, Lakeshore LFL Chapter#152 @920-536-0396

**QUILTING 2025** - Quilting was completed recently with 164 quilts finished. Thanks to the ladies who spent hours sewing the tops. Thanks also to the ladies who came to church to work on the quilts. They are Lois Dahlke, Bev Graunke, Arlene Gruetzmacher, Sue Heim, Yvonne Janda, Rita Post, Elaine Schmidli, Sedonie Zeitler and Dianne Zeitler. Also thanks to Renee Koenig who delivered some quilts and to Larry Lannbrecht who will take quilts to Appleton for Lutheran World Relief. Thanks also to Thrivent who gave us \$250.00 for quilting supplies. Also thanks to everyone who donated blankets, sheets and material. Quilts were taken to Kewaunee County Sheriff Dept., Algoma Violence Center, Algoma Low Rent Housing, Kewaunee Human Services, Freedom House, Manna for Life, Curative Connection (formerly Red Cross), House of Hope, NEW Shelter and the rest will go to Lutheran World Relief.

## *Rooted in Christ, Growing in Stewardship*

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life!

Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward. The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, "Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing" (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.*

- The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title "steward." Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).
- He is the One who makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15).

*Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.*

- Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.
- But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament.

*Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.*

- Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.
- This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.*

- Just as the Spirit has created us for stewardship of the Gospel, so also does He cause our faithfulness! He calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies and KEEPS us in this faithful stewardship of the Gospel.



- The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.

Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Him!

In Christ, Debbie Delebreau, Candy Krohn, Hans Shin



## St. Paul Chargers Softball

### Congratulations on a great tournament!

#### Coed 7th&8th Grade Team

- **2nd Place Finish**

Charlee Bosdeck, Mason Budnik, Madelyn Duescher, Nolan Fager, Briggs Karnopp, Caden Kilgore, Carter Kilgore, Chloe Kilgore, Clay Kilgore, Jaxen Pagel, Adrian Stauber, Bryn Vaughan, Warren Weidner

**Coaches:** JJ Pagel, Elisha Fager, Andrea Boetcher

#### Coed 5th & 6th Grade Team

Lily Budnik, Eli Duescher, Miles Fager, Carter Kilgore, Lily Kilgore, Asa Gray, Trent Koenig, Wyatt Raduenz, Lucy Salzieder, Max Schlies, Ella Siegmund

**Coaches:** Brittney Duescher, Elisha Fager, Andrea Boetcher

**Thank you** to the coaches and helpers for volunteering their time to coach these students at practices and in the St Paul Softball Tournament.

**Thank you** to Andrea Boetcher, Amanda Kilgore and Stacie Duescher for coordinating games, concessions, and all the individuals/parents that helped with all the tasks throughout the tournament.

**Thank you** to all the individuals that attended a game to cheer on the Chargers!

**With everyone's help we were able to earn just under \$3,000 to help support our athletic fund!**

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**Newsletter Deadline:** the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Divine Service 9:30 am	2	3	4	5 Divine Service 7:30 p.m.	6	7
8 Divine Service 9:30 am	9 VBS 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	10 VBS 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	11 VBS 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	12 Worship Service 7:30 pm VBS 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	13	14
15 Divine Service 9:30 am	16	17	18	19 Divine Service 7:30 p.m.	20	21
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**Scrip for sale Thursday evening 7:15-7:30 and Sunday mornings after service for 15-20 minutes**

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